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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BURMESE OFFICIALS

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1. S/NM, EA AND DEA ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE PROPOSED TRIP OF BURMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONNECTED WITH THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IS MATERIALIZING. THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP SEEMS APPROPRIATE AND EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO MAKE THE TRIP USEFUL. BIO DATA ON THEM WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF ALL THE FACTORS INVOLVED, WE PROPOSE THAT THE GROUP BEGIN A FOUR-WEEK VISIT ON JUNE 16. THE MEN SHOULD PLAN, IF POSSIBLE, TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON THE WEEKEND BEFORE. A DETAILED ITINERARY IS UNDER PREPARATION AND WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN COMPLETED.

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3. WHILE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES WILL BE BORNE BY THE BURMESE, PLEASE ADVISE THEM THAT WE PLAN TO FUND ALL INTERNAL TRAVEL AND EXTRAORDINARY PER DIEM OF 45 DOLLARS. WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING FOR DEA AND STATE ESCORT OFFICERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER ANY OF THE MEN HAVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES.

4. WE OF COURSE DO NOT PLAN TO PUBLICIZE THE VISIT BUT ASSUME THAT THE BURMESE EMBASSY HAS BEEN OR WILL BE INFORMED. (FYI: ITS TRACK RECORD SO FAR ON KNOWING MUCH ABOUT THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM AS WELL AS OTHER BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS IS NOT GOOD. END FYI). INGERSOLL

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